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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office communication mailed July 29, 2004. This amendment is being filed on the first business day after Saturday, January 29, 2005, with a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee, thus making it a timely response. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File No. 468267-00034; Our Docket No. A-58762-20).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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